

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 372

By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION To recognize Doug Langston on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Franklin Board of Aldermen and to honor him for his years of service to the community of Franklin and his dedication to the profession of teaching.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Doug Langston is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 13 years with the City of Franklin Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, An active and important part of his community, Mr. Langston was elected Alderman of the First Ward in Franklin in 1988 and was re-elected in 1993 and 1997; as Chairman of the Transportation Committee in 2000, he was responsible for improvements to Jordan Road, Liberty Pike, and West Fowlkes Street and the creation of the Traffic Operations Center for the City of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, For the past 27 years, Doug Langston has also served his community and its youth as a teacher at Battle Ground Academy (BGA), illuminating his students on the intricacies and complexities of American Government and United States History; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure at BGA, Mr. Langston has also served as the Varsity Football Coach and the Chairman of the Social Studies Department, and he has been elected by the school's alumni to the Faculty Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Doug Langston started the school's first Student Council and has served as its sponsor ever since; and

WHEREAS, Working with the Election Commission, Mr. Langston has secured the use of voting machines for school elections, thus allowing his students to obtain first-hand experience of what it means to participate in the election process; and

WHEREAS, Prior to obtaining his teaching position at BGA, Doug Langston taught History at Shelbyville Central High School, where he was also the Freshman Boys Basketball Coach and ascended to the rank of Head Football Coach within two years; he also coached the Girls Basketball team in the winning game of the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, The son of a Methodist minister and a homemaker, Mr. Langston grew up in Kingston Springs as one of five children, and graduated from Middle Tennessee University; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Doug Langston is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Jane Byrum Langston; together, they are the proud parents of one daughter, Carol, and the grandparents of one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langston exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Although Mr. Langston is retiring from his post as First Ward Alderman of the City of Franklin, he plans to continue teaching at Battle Ground Academy for at least a few more years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Doug Langston has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his students and colleagues alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Doug Langston for his 13 years of meritorious service to the City of Franklin as Alderman and commend him for his dedication to the noble profession of teaching.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.